

Ocotillo District Weekly Update

August 28, 2015

Welcome to the Ocotillo District Weekly Update!

I invite you to my upcoming Mobile Office hours this month:

- **Monday, August 31** from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Bakery By Chef Tom, 5835 W. Palmdale Ave., Suite E.

Please feel free to stop by. No appointment is necessary. For more information, please call 623-930-2249.

Please Note: Due to the Labor Day Holiday on September 7, I will not host Mobile Office Hours in September.

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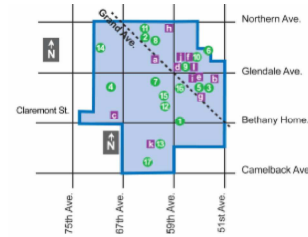
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**Ocotillo District
Amenities**

City Offices Will Be Closed Monday, September 7 For Labor Day.

City of Glendale offices will close Monday, September 7 in observance of the Labor Day holiday. All scheduled residential garbage pick-up and recycling will be shifted one day due to the holiday. The schedule for garbage pick-up is as follows, please note that the garbage pick-up will be shifted one day for the ENTIRE week because the holiday falls on a Monday.



Monday (9/7) to Tuesday (9/8)
Tuesday (9/8) to Wednesday (9/9)
Wednesday (9/9) to Thursday (9/10)
Thursday (9/10) to Friday (9/11)
Friday (9/11) to Saturday (9/12)

Only Gus Bus One will run, operating on a Sunday schedule from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For Dial-a-Ride service that day, reservations must be made by noon on Friday, September 4, by calling 623-930-3500. No same-day service on Monday will be available. Valley Metro buses will operate on a Sunday schedule.

In addition, Glendale's three public libraries will be closed, as well as the Glendale Convention and Visitors Bureau. Glendale's Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center will remain open on the holiday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information on the recreation center, call 623-930-4600.

For additional information on the city of Glendale's programs and services, visit Glendaleaz.com.

Maryland Avenue Multi-Use Pathway Project:

Construction will begin for this project beginning August 24 - September 14 which will add to the bike lanes and pedestrian walkway from Discovery Park to 67th Avenue by widening the pavement on the north side of Maryland (67th - 69th Ave.) and extend the existing 10' wide concrete walkway in Discovery Park to Discovery Drive (Maryland Avenue).

Westbound Maryland Avenue will be CLOSED between 67th and 69th avenues to accommodate construction in this area. Westbound Maryland Avenue traffic will be detoured via Ocotillo Road and 69th Avenue.

For additional project info visit glendaleaz.com/improvements. For project questions/info: 602-532-6250.

Transportation/Light-Rail Presentation Meeting September 17, 2015.

Councilmember Jamie Aldama is hosting a community meeting for residents living in the Ocotillo District and neighboring residents from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, September 17 at Isaac Imes Elementary School, 6625 N. 56 Ave. in the gymnasium.

Aldama, city staff and representatives from Valley Metro will make a presentation on the high-capacity transit service (light-rail). Councilmember Aldama and Valley Metro representatives will be available to answer questions from residents.

For more information or if you need special accommodations, call 623-930-2249.

Valley Metro West Phoenix/Central Glendale High Capacity Transit Study Information

What is the timeline for the West Phoenix/Central Glendale Project?

As you may know, Valley Metro has a study underway to identify transit options to connect downtown Glendale to the light rail system. The project is scheduled for operations in 2026, but critical decisions are being made in the current study to determine a route and type of transit (light rail or bus rapid transit). That study will conclude in early 2016 with a vote by the Glendale and Phoenix City Councils. We want to hear from you! To learn more about the project and how you can provide input, visit valleymetro.org/Glendale.

Libraries Expand Online Service with New Partnership. Glendale Public Library announced availability of thousands of movies, television shows, music albums, eBooks, audiobooks and comics via mobile and online access through a new partnership with Hoopla Digital.

Glendale library card holders can now download the free Hoopla Digital mobile app on their Android or IOS device or by visiting hoopladigital.com. Available content includes thousands of titles - from major Hollywood studios, record companies and publishers - available to borrow 24/7, for instant streaming or temporary downloading to smartphones, tablets and computers.

"The library is excited to add Hoopla Digital services to our growing electronic resource offerings for our patrons. The selection is varied and downloading is quick," said Glendale's Chief Librarian, Michael Beck.

"With Hoopla Digital, our patrons can enjoy dynamic content from the library on-the-go," said Kathy Curley, Administrative Librarian for Collection Development. "Being digital, there is no waiting period for popular titles and Hoopla's automatic return means no late fees."

Hoopla Digital is a service of Midwest Tape, a trusted partner to public libraries for more than 25 years.

Got Drugs? Safely Dispose of Them! The Glendale Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration are providing residents an opportunity to safely and conveniently dispose of expired, unwanted or unused pharmaceutical substances and other medications. Controlled, non-controlled and over the counter substances will be accepted on Saturday, September 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Glendale Adult Center located at 5970 W. Brown Street, North parking lot area.

*Glass containers, inhalers, intra-venous solutions, injectable and syringes **CANNOT** be accepted due to potential hazards posed by blood-borne pathogens*

For more information about this event, contact Officer Jeff Horsley at 623-930-4029 or Officer Andy Lynes at 623-930-2554.

Glendale Police Department Shred Event.

Saturday, October 3 from 8 to 11 a.m. at Target, 10404 N. 43rd Ave., Southwest Parking Lot Area. Four (4) banker boxes limit per household. Due to demand, event may conclude if trucks are full. For further information contact Doreen Anderson, Crime Prevention Specialist at 623-930-4044.

Coming Up

Coffee with a Cop

Join your neighbors and Police Officer for Coffee and Conversation. No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood.

For more information call Crime Prevention Specialist
Doreen Anderson at 623-695-0440

September 1, 2015 at 8 a.m. at Kiss the Cook located
at 4915 W. Glendale Ave.

September 23, 2015 at 6 p.m. at Ranch Market
located at 6730 W. Camelback Rd.

**A Beary Special Day in Historic Downtown
Glendale September 12.** For more than 100 years,
teddy bears have been beloved by generations of
children and adults, alike. Teddy bear fans can head
to Historic Downtown Glendale and Catlin Court on
Saturday, September
12 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. to celebrate National Teddy
Bear Day.

Have fun with friends, family and your favorite furry
bears as you enjoy a day of make-and-take arts and
crafts and exclusive deals. Begin at the Glendale
Visitor Center and pick up a map and West Valley
Information pack (for the first 200 visitors) and take a
spin on the prize wheel. Visit boutique stores,
specialty shops, and downtown eateries for special
offers and discounts. Ollie the Trolley will be cruising
through downtown Glendale to offer free rides in the
area, including stops at Cerreta Candy Company.

Another highlight will be a special appearance by Al
the Bear. This loveable, huggable bear will delight the
young and young-at-heart! Be sure to bring a camera
to get a picture with this beary special guest!

Additionally, the Visitor Center will be accepting new
teddy bears (12-18" in size) to benefit the Glendale
Fire Department Trauma Teddy Program, the
Glendale Crisis Response Team and local children's
charities. Teddy bears will be available for purchase
during the event at the Visitor Center for just \$10, to
be taken home and loved or donated to the teddy
bear drive.

This event is coordinated by the downtown business
community and the Glendale Convention & Visitors
Bureau (CVB.) For additional information, call the
Glendale CVB at 623-930-4500 or log on to
visitglendale.com

Residents Reminded Standing Water Invites

Mosquitos. With three months of monsoon activity still ahead of us this summer, the city of Glendale reminds residents to watch for standing water and to protect their homes and families against mosquitos and diseases such as West Nile virus.

Two confirmed cases were reported in Maricopa County on June 21, 2015. In 2014, 108 cases of West Nile virus were reported among Arizona residents. Standing water, even in the shallowest containers, acts as a breeding ground for mosquitos, so follow these essential preventive measures to fight the bite:

- Reduce the number of mosquitos around your home. Mosquitos breed in standing water and their eggs will hatch within days after it rains. Check your yard once a week after it rains, get rid of containers that aren't being used, empty water from flower pots, change water in bird baths, and check for any leaky water equipment.
- Report any pools in your neighborhood that are not being maintained properly. Occupied homes should be reported to Glendale's Code Compliance Division at 623-930-3610; unoccupied homes should be reported to the county at 602-506-0700.
- Reduce the number of mosquito bites you get. Make a habit of using insect repellent when outdoors. Repellents should be used according to the label instructions.
- Prime mosquito-biting hours are usually dusk to dawn. Pay special attention to protection during these hours, or avoid being outdoors.

The Maricopa County Environmental Services Division monitors mosquito activity throughout the county. It also responds to all complaints related to green pools, stagnant water, dead birds and of course mosquitos. Residents can get more information or report issues to the county through a hotline, 602-506-0700, or online at www.maricopa.gov/wnv/. Additional information and resources are available on Glendale's website, as well, at www.glendaleaz.com/environmentalresources.

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